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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the text of claims 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28 with the following text:

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11. The balloon catheter according to claim 4, wherein said polyester elastomer material has a hard segment and a soft segment in its molecule; and ratio of soft segment in the material configuring said balloon is adjusted to be less than the ratio of soft segment in the material configuring the outermost surface of said first tubular member or the material configuring the layer thereof adjacent to said balloon.

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13. The balloon catheter according to claim 32, wherein said polyamide elastomer material is a polyamide elastomer having a hard segment and a soft segment in its molecule; and the ratio of said soft segment is adjusted to be larger than 14%.